

I wanted to follow up and send this question to you because I heard a lot of questions about interactions with other jurisdictions, regional partners, etc. I also heard the fact that the APD is unique in its delivery of data in efforts to be transparent. **How is that data used by the city and specifically in partnership with Invest Atlanta, HUD, Workforce Development, Transportation, and Planning?**

APD always strives to be transparent with every aspect of our crime data. We take pride in the fact that every single resident of the city has access to the data and are aware of exactly what type of issues that the police department is seeing and dealing with in their neighborhood. These dashboards also allow HUD, Workforce development and all the other stakeholders have access to these dashboards and they always reach out to us to assist them in making informed decisions on where they want to deploy their resources based on the issues or trends of a particular community so that they get the most bang for their buck.

I ask, because all the APD data is reported with a GIS background, right? So it's geographically based, enabling anyone to see patterns and locations. It appears (at least on the public facing websites) that none of the other city depts and partners really report their data this way, albeit they have the same capabilities. **Is there a reason why?**

I don't think there is any particular reason as to how each department displays their data other than the demand from their constituents. Because APD is constantly asked for crime data we try to provide most of it on the front end through our public website so they we don't get bogged down on the back end with Open records request. A lot of the other city departments don't get nearly as many open records request as the police department so it is in our best interest to provide as much information as possible on our websites.

To me, (the uninformed observer) it seems pretty obvious that violent crimes occur more in places like my neighborhood, of concentrated areas of poverty, so **how does the city use the APD's data that demonstrates this to address housing, zoning issues, workforce programs, and provide loans or direct businesses to certain locations?**

One of the biggest ways this information is used would be through our Secure Neighborhood Program. This program identifies areas in the city where there are properties that can be rehabilitated within certain communities that have been historically known to have violent crime. The homes are then sold to officers at a significant discount, and they are given a marked patrol car home. The officers then act as a liaison to the local community, attending neighborhood meetings, and volunteering in mentorship programs and local events.

While I recognize many are concerned about crime in the city, I personally am not naive enough to think the APD is the sole solution to addressing it. So can someone tell me **how the APD uses the data they produce to inform and work with these other depts & partners (and others I haven't named like Parks & Recs, APS's PD) to address the challenges that lead to crime?**

APD consistently meet with our external partners in the school systems to discuss emerging trends or crimes that occur outside of school hours that may negatively impact kids during school hours ie; fights involving 1 or more students that go to the same school. In addition Parks and Recreation meet

with our team on a weekly basis to discuss issues such as vagrancy and loitering inside of the parks after hours

The discussion of truancy came up where it was explained that APD officers must turn in kids they pick up off the street to either an APS school, their parent(s), or foster care. **How does that work? What type of reporting goes into that?** I know that school personnel are mandatory reporters, as are officers, so if officers go by a child's home and see that the home may not be stable, in good condition, etc. **how is that information passed onto other entities that can provide either assistance or at least tracking? Is there any tracking along the ACES chart for these kids to indicate their at risk status?** And if so, how is that addressed over the years in conjunction with the partners I mentioned yesterday? I am particularly interested in provision of assistance versus entering children into the foster care system.

I am not sure if our DFCS uses the ACES chart however once a child is entered in the system their file is monitored by a case worker until that child ages out of the system. In addition, if any officer takes a child home and deem that the location is not stable they can contact DFCS and make a referral. If the situation is dire enough then DFCS can remove that child from the home. Often times this is a temporary solution until there is a hearing and the courts can determine what assistance the parents need in order to regain custody of their child. This may be done by assisting the parents with getting employment or court mandated drug counseling if there is a substance abuse problem. With every one of these removals the ultimate goal is to reunite the child with their parents.

In addition to these questions and answers from the APD, one of my comments, referencing George Chidi's work within a Facebook post from April 26th was removed. Here's a screenshot of that comment for context:

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